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SUBJ: MAJPROJ: PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR ISHAQI

IRRIGATION PROJECT IN IRAQ

1. THE GOI WILL SOON BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF THE GIANT ISHAQI RECLAMATION PROJECT. THE STATE ORGANIZATION FOR SOIL AND LAND RECLAMATION (SOSLR), ABU GHRAIB, BAGHDAD, IRAQ; TELEX: 2117 SOSLR IK; TELEPHONE: 555-0400, WILL BEGIN TO ACCEPT PRE-QUALIFICATION APPLICATIONS FROM INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTORS IN MAY, 1978. THE PROJECT INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE CANALS TO RECLAIM SALT-SATURATED LAND, LAND LEVELLING, AND CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND ANCILLARY BUILDINGS. TOTAL LAND AREA OF THE PROJECT HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED YET, BUT VALUE OF CONTRACT IS EXPECTED TO EXCEED 100 MILLION U.S. DOLLARS.

2. INTERESTED CONTRACTING FIRMS SHOULD TELEX SOSLR AND PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (A) DESCRIPTION AND UNCLASSIFIED

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HISTORY OF COMPANY; (B) FINANCIAL STATUS; (C) EXPERIENCE IN SIMILAR PROJECTS; (D) COUNTRIES PREVIOUSLY WORKED IN; AND (E) SUB-CONTRACTORS TO BE USED, IF ANY.

3. FOREIGN COMPANIES DOING SIMILAR PROJECTS IN IRAQ INCLUDE: SCAPANEUS AND AL/TE OF GREECE, BAHATTIN-GOREN OF TURKEY, ARAB CONTRACTORS OF EGYPT, AND MECHANISED CONSTRUCTION

OF PAKISTAN (MCP).

4. A SOURCE AT SOSLR TOLD USINT OFFICER THAT TWO AMERICAN COMPANIES, ARIZONA-COLORADO AND Y.T. HUNG, MAY BE INTERESTED IN THIS PROJECT. NEITHER USINT NOR SOSLR HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THESE FIRMS OR THEIR ADDRESSES.

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